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Requirements Covering Gaps in Intelligence Information of Postal and Telecommunications System in North Vietnam Under the 1956 Plan and Probable Developments Through 1960.

- REF : a) CIA/RR Project 10.1507, (ORR's Contribution to NIE on North Vietnam). S/COM's contribution, "Postal and Telecommunications Improvements in North Vietnam Under the 1956 Plan, and Probable Developments Through 1960."
- b) CIA/RR Economic Research Area, Analysts' Manual Notice, 4 May 1955, Finishing Procedures, subj: "Transmittal of Gaps in Intelligence Information as Collection Requirements at the Termination of Each Branch Project," S.

Background

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The gaps in postal and telecommunication intelligence which S/COM's contribution (see Ref a) attempts to fill are concerned with the success North Vietnam has had in fulfilling the postal and telecommunication portion of the National Plan for 1956, indications of long term planning in the postal and telecommunication service, and the gathering of information on estimates of budget revenues and expenditures for postal and telecommunication facilities. The information available on the postal and telecommunication system in North Vietnam, and the efforts to improve postal telecommunication facilities under the 1956 Plan is very fragmentary. There is very little information as to what the postal and telecommunication objectives were under the 1956 Plan. There is no meaningful data on the postal and telecommunication budget. The requirements below attempt to cover these gaps in information.

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Requirements

1. What were the postal and telecommunications requirements that were laid down by the North Vietnam National Plan for 1956? (CONFIDENTIAL)
2. What are the existing domestic fixed, point-to-point radio facilities in North Vietnam? (SECRET)
3. What major cities are receiving new or improved telephone system equipment such as automatic telephone switchboards? (CONFIDENTIAL)
4. What are the cities in North Vietnam that have long distance telephone service with one another, or Hanoi, or other major cities? (SECRET)
5. What is the condition of existing postal facilities in North Vietnam? (SECRET)
6. What are the long-term projects planned by North Vietnam for the overall improvement of postal and telecommunications facilities? (SECRET)
7. What was the budgetary allotment to postal and telecommunications facilities under the 1956 Plan? (SECRET)
8. What is the North Vietnam 1957 Budget for postal and telecommunications facilities? (SECRET)
9. What is the extent of financial assistance given by the Sino Soviet Bloc to North Vietnam for the improvement of postal and telecommunications facilities? (SECRET)
10. What postal and telecommunications technical and material assistance is North Vietnam to receive from the Soviet Bloc during 1957? (SECRET)

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